

Preventive measures against the spread of small-pox in Parur.

271. MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by them to prevent the spread of small-pox in Parur;

(b) the number of deaths caused by the disease this year (1107); and

(c) whether the Sanitary Commissioner has visited the place?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (a) The Sanitary Circle Officer, Perumbavur, visited the infected places; and vaccination in and around the affected localities was pushed on vigorously by him and by the Range Vaccinator.

(b) 570, till the 14th April 1932.

(c) No.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*): With reference to part (b), will the member be pleased to state who was the officer responsible for collecting these figures?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The Sanitary Commissioner. I hope the member refers to the figure given in the answer.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*): May I know why the Sanitary Commissioner did not take any steps when so many deaths had occurred?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I have not got the information.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to direct him to visit the places and to do the needful hereafter at least?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): If need arises, Government will do it.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*): Am I to understand that the Government are not satisfied with the number of deaths that have occurred so far? May I know the number of deaths that the Government have fixed in order that they may consider it necessary to give directions to the Sanitary Commissioner to do the needful?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): As it is, Government do not consider it necessary that any special directions should be given to the Sanitary Commissioner.

Meetings of the Retrenchment Committee.

272. MR. K. C. CHANDI (*Minachil cum Devicolum*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of meetings of the Retrenchment Committee held till now (Meenam 1107)?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the attendance of the non-official members of the Committee?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*):

(1) There were nine meetings of the Retrenchment Committee up to the end of Meenam 1107 covering 39 days in all.

(2) Mr. K. Narayanaperumal Nadar was present on all the days. Mr. S. Krishna Pillai was absent for 14 days and Mr. A. Thanu Pillai for 1 day.

Retrenchment of salaries of officers.

273. MR. K. C. CHANDI (*Minachil cum Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) if the question of reduction of salaries of the officers in the higher grade was ever considered by the Retrenchment Committee;

(b) if so, the date of the meeting of the Committee at which it was considered;

(c) whether all the non-official members of the Committee were present at that meeting;

(d) whether any final settlement was arrived at, and, if so, what it is; and

(e) if not, the reason why the question is kept pending, so long?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*):

(a) The question of a temporary reduction in the salaries of the officers of the State up to a certain limit was considered by the Retrenchment Committee.

(b) 20-7-1107 and 27-8-1107.

(c) Yes.

(d) The Committee have recommended that the pay or leave allowance of all Government servants whose pay or leave allowance is not less than Rs. 40 per mensem may be temporarily reduced at the following rates:—

(1) By 5 per cent. in the case of officers whose pay or leave allowance is not less than Rs. 40 per mensem but is less than Rs. 100 per mensem.

(2) By $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in the case of officers whose pay or leave allowance is not less than Rs. 100 per mensem, but is less than Rs. 300 per mensem.

(3) By 10 per cent. in the case of officers whose pay or leave allowance is not less than Rs. 300 per mensem.

(e) In view of the answer to part (d), this question does not arise.

MR. K. C. CHANDI (*Minachil cum Devicolam*): With reference to part (d), may I know the date on which the recommendation was forwarded to Government?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): It must be after 27-8-1107.

MR. K. C. CHANDI (*Minachil cum Devicolam*): I want the date on which it was forwarded.